

**The Rabbit and the Turtle:
Activity Five:
Reading a Story**

Spelling Words

“The Rabbit and The Turtle”

Correction Marks

Spelling words:

Every

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The Rabbit and The Turtle

A rabbit and turtle lived near each other in the woods. Every day the rabbit stopped and laughed at the turtle. "My ears are long and my body is thin. I can run like the wind. Your legs are short. You carry your house on your back. I can outrun you hopping on one leg."

One day, the turtle talked back. "I'm just as fast as you are," she said. "Let's have a race." The rabbit laughed again. "Slow is what you are. Fast is what I am."

"Words are one thing and action is another. Until we have a race, no one will know for sure," said the turtle. Loudly the rabbit laughed even more. Then he picked up a stick. "As far as I can throw this, that's as far as we will run our race," he said aiming the stick and throwing it over a stream, past a rock, across a wide field, and through the branches of a tree until it came to rest in a little patch of grass.

"Do you see where it landed?" the rabbit asked. The turtle looked for the distant stick and said, "Yes."

"If you'd like, we could put off the race till tomorrow," said the rabbit with a mocking smile, but the turtle said firmly, "No. Let's begin now."

After a crowd of animals showed up to watch, it was decided that a crow and a fox would start the race. "Get on your marks," barked the fox. "Get ready, get set, go," cawed the crow.

Before the turtle even put one foot forward, the rabbit took off quickly and vanished out of sight. When the rabbit saw the turtle was far behind, he slowed down. "She will never catch up," the confident rabbit said to himself. While the hot noon sun was shining above, the rabbit saw a shady tree up ahead and decided to stop there and take a rest. Although he only intended on staying a minute, he soon fell off to sleep.

When the lazy rabbit opened his eyes, he saw the turtle was way ahead. Before he could even begin, the persistent turtle had passed by the stick.

"Three cheers for the turtle!" all of the animals victoriously shouted.

"This isn't fair!" cried the noisy rabbit. "I'm the fastest! I should have won!"

"Should have, would have, and could have never win the race," said the turtle quietly. "Turtles hurry slowly. I won because I never stopped."

Fill in the Blanks

1. It was so sunny we needed _____ umbrellas.
2. I couldn't find the money. It had _____.
3. Brushing my teeth is something I do _____ day.
4. It is easy to _____ a baby in a race.
5. The movie was so funny we all had to _____.
6. _____ speaks louder than words.
7. We waited for an hour, but she didn't _____.
8. Did a rabbit and a turtle really have a _____ ? Did the happy animals really shout _____ ?
9. You can save money if you're _____.
10. My father couldn't hear so we had to speak _____.
11. Their _____ in life is to be happy and healthy.
12. The apples are ripe so there are many to _____.
13. The _____ is a mammal and the _____ is a reptile.
14. The airplane I'm on will _____ in Newark.
15. _____ it was hot, she didn't turn on the air conditioner.

16. When you speak in front of a _____, it's important to feel _____.

17. We could _____ the parade _____ a window.

18. Why do children like to _____ on one leg?

19. Because he lost an eye, he wore a _____.

20. You have to _____ if you want to go. I _____ on going

21. The bird flew _____ to the _____.

22. People who can't write often leave their _____ on a legal document.

23. _____ people have a hard time succeeding?

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Correction Marks

- ✂ delete = ~~delete delete~~
- C^{sp} spelling = ^{sp}spelling
- change = range
- ^ insert = do ^ here
- ↪ reverse these = (these reverse)
- | separate = //like//you
- ✓ join = in to
- ↪ move this = ○ Move this word ↓
- not good English = they is no here
- Change = new york city
- ⇒ Indent = ⇒ First line of paragraph